

# Robb Report

## The 13 Best Vodkas to Buy Now

It's time to give this clear spirit another look.



Vodka remains the most popular spirit in America in terms of overall sales, but it often gets a bad rap from whiskey drinkers who think of it as a clear, flavorless, charmless alcohol vessel. That was certainly the case for decades, but the fact is that vodka has changed quite a bit in recent years. The TTB even updated its definition of vodka by removing language that says it is “without distinctive character, aroma, taste, or color” recently. There were already some distilleries making vodka that actually has character, aroma, and taste (although still no color for the most part), mostly in the craft world but with a few major players in the mix as well. We put together a list of 13 vodkas in various categories that you should try now, whether you’re looking for something to sip or mix up a classic or modern cocktail. Give them a try and see what you think.

## Our Best Vodka Picks:

- Best Overall: Harridan Vodka
- Best Flavored: St. George Green Chile Vodka
- Best for a Martini: Reyka Vodka
- Best Japanese: Haku Vodka
- Best Newcomer: Weber Ranch 1902 Vodka
- Best Irish: Drumshanbo Sausage Fruit Vodka
- Best Splurge: Belvedere 10
- Best for Sipping: Painted Sky Vodka
- Best Wheat Vodka: Rieger's Premium Wheat Vodka
- Best Craft: Shiner Vodka
- Best Luxury: Chopin Vintage
- Best Under \$100: Kástra Elión
- Best Budget: Fortress Vodka

### Best Under \$100: Kástra Elión



Kástra Elión is a Greek vodka distilled from olives and grain, but that doesn't mean it tastes like Kalamatas, but it is great for your Martini needs. The 30-day resting period it undergoes to marry the flavors gives it a smoothness with hints of vanilla, pepper, and a soft minerality.